Power Finance Corporation

*4. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated an Operational and Financial Action Plan for Ninth Five Year Plan to be persued by Power Finance Corporation and State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have assessed/reviewed the performance of schemes implemented by PFC during the last three years, State-wise, particularly the schemes for Maharashtra;

(d) the details of funds provided to Maharashtra by PFC during the current year for various schemes; and

(e) the details of projects received from Maharashtra for clearance by CEA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The OFAPs are formulated by the State Electricity Boards in consultation with PFC and after carrying out a diagnostic study with the help of the consultant. Once the draft OFAP is prepared, it is discussed and finalised in consultation with PFC. The SEBs get the OFAP approved from the concerned State Government concerned. OFAP being a continuous exercises, it is not prepared specific to a plan period.

(b) The details of the State Electricity Boards which have an accepted OFAP in place with PFC is enclosed as Statement

(c) State-wise schemes financed by Power Finance Corporation are not assessed/reviewed by the Government directly. Ministry of Power and the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) review the progress of on-going projects of the States including that of Maharashtra in State-wise meetings on capacity addition programme, transmission & distribution and other issues, including projects financed by PFC and other Financial Institutions. The Projects proposed for PFC funding are sanctioned/monitored/ reviewed by the Corporation itself. However, the Government reviews the performance of the Corporation including that of the projects/schemes financed by it through the instrument of monthly report on the working of the Corporation, quarterly performance review meetings and other meetings, from time to time.

(d) Power Finance Corporation has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 535.60 crores to Maharashtras State Electricity Board during 1997-98 (upto 31.10.1997), as per details given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No	Discipline	Amount Sanctioned
1.	R&M	11.20
2.	Capacitor	16.60
3.	Transmission	157.80
4.	Thermal	350.00
	Total	535.60

(e) Only one project of Maharashtra i.e. Patalganga combined Cycle Gas-based Power Project is pending techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority.

STATEMENT

Name of the SEBs who have an accepted OFAP in place with PFC.

Sl. No.	Utility's Name	OFAP in Place w.e.f.
1	2	3
STATE ELECTRICITY BOARDS		
1.	APSEB*	June, 95
2.	PSEB*	June, 96
3.	MPEB	April, 91
4.	KEB*	January, 97
5.	GEB*	April, 95
6.	MSEB	January, 92
7.	HPSEB	March, 92
8.	TNEB*	October, 97
9.	RSEB*	March, 92
10.	UPSEB	July, 93
11.	HSEB**	June, 97

1	2	3
12.	KSEB	September, 95
13.	WBSEB	April, 96
STATE GENERATING CORPORATIONS		
14.	OPGC	August, 91
15.	WBPDCL	February, 92
16.	TVNL	March, 92
17.	BSHPCL	March, 92
18.	DPL	August, 93
19.	KPCL	August, 94
20.	OHPCL	December, 95
MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS		
21.	BEST	March, 94
DEPARTMENT OF POWER		
22.	NAGALAD	September, 95
23.	MIZORAM	February, 97
JOINT SECTOR		
24.	DVC	April, 96

*OFAP Revised.
** Reform OFAP for States who have Agreed for Reforms.

Indo-Nepal Peace and Friendship Treaty

*5. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Nepal has expressed its keenness to abrogate Indo-Nepal peace and friendship treaty of 1950;

(b) if so, the specific articles identified by the government of Nepal for abrogation;

(c) the reaction of the Indian Government thereto; and

(d) the outcome of the two-day talks held between Foreign Sectraries of both countries on several bilateral issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) The two Foreign Secretaries, who met at Delhi, from August 19—21 in pursuance of the directives contained in the Joint Press Statement issued during PM's visit to Nepal in June, discussed issues of bilateral interest covering a diversity of fields including bilateral economic cooperation, trade and transit, water resources, management and demarcation of the Indo-Nepal border and the Indo-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1950. A copy of the Joint Press Release issued at the conclusion of the talks in enclosed as Statement.

STATEMENT

The Foreign Secretary of His Majestry's Government of Nepal, His Excellency Mr. Kumar Prasad Gyawall and the Foreign Secretary of India, Shri Krishnan Raghunath met in New Delhi from 19th to 21st August, 1997. His Excellency, the Foreign Secretary of Nepal was accompanied by Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, Special Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of His Majestry's Government, and Mr. Ram Bhakta Thakur, Charge, d'Affairs at the Royal Nepal Embassy in New Delhi. The Foreign Secretary of India was assisted by Shri K.V. Rajan, Ambassador of India, Kathmandu and officials of the Ministry of External Affairs. The meeting continued the tradition of wide ranging consultations at Foreign Secretary level between the two neighbouring countries.

In pursuance of the directives contained in the Joint Press Statement issued during the visit of the Prime Minister of India, Shri I.K. Gujral to Nepal from 5th to 7th June 1997, the two Foreign Secretaries discussed issues of bilateral interest covering a diversity of fields including bilateral economic cooperation, matters relating to trade and transit, water resources, issues relating to the management and demarcation of the Indo-Nepal border and to the 1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship between India and Nepal.

It was agreed that details of the working arrangements for the additional transit route between Nepal and Bangladesh through Phulbari would be communicated by government of India to HMGN within a week so that the route could be made operational with effect from 1st September.

It was also agreed that the second meeting of the Joint Working Group on Border management would meet in October in New Delhi, on mutually convenient dates. Both sides reiterated their determination to work closely